

Arrest Made in New Castle Area Liquor Store Robbery

New Castle – The Delaware State Police have arrested a Middletown man after he robbed an area liquor store.

The incident began around 12:30 p.m. Wednesday December 1, 2021, when **Keith A. Turner Jr.**, 36, entered the Rambleton Acres Liquor Store, located at 135 Christiana Road, brandishing a large butcher knife. Turner confronted a store clerk and demanded money. The employee, along with another store employee, were able to run out of the business and lock the door leaving Turner inside. Once the two store clerks were safely outside, Turner, who was now locked in the liquor store, removed an undisclosed amount of money from the cash register. Turner then attempted to escape the business by throwing a metal shopping cart at the front door and then attempted to flee out a rear bathroom window that he soon realized was too small.

With the assistance of New Castle County Police Department's K9 Unit (Thor), commands were made for Turner to exit the building or the K9 would be released. Turner complied with the instructions and surrendered without further incident.

Keith Turner was transported back to Troop 2 where he was charged with the following:

- Robbery 1st
- Possession of a Deadly Weapon During the Commission of a Felony
- Wearing a Disguise During the Commission of a Felony
- Two counts of Criminal Mischief

Turner was arraigned via videophone with JP2 and committed to Howard R. Young Correctional Institution on \$127,100.00 cash bond.

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